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1. Wiener Neustadt (O 48/X 34) airfield.

Between 6 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 5 May 1952, there was flying by jet aircraft at Wiener Neustadt airfield. Flying was discontinued at 4 p.m. when a thunderstorm gathered. Between 4:15 and 5:30 p.m. on 5 May, jet aircraft practiced formation flying in groups of three or four planes. The aircraft flew in V and line abreast formations at very high altitudes. (1) Three Pe-2s and one Li-2 were parked in front of a hangar of the Theresienfeld repair shop.

2. Between 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and between 1:30 and 4:20 p.m. on 6 May, 47 single-engine jet aircraft, 6 single-engine planes and 1 biplane were observed at the field. Between 9:35 a.m. and 12:25 p.m., 8 single-engine jet planes, 1 single-engine, low-wing monoplane with radial engines, and 1 biplane practiced taking off and landing. There was a 2/10 overcast, dry weather, and a northerly wind of about 15 km/h. After the take-off, the planes disappeared. Jet aircraft which took off in groups of two at the same time landed at intervals of about 30 seconds. Individual jet planes practiced aerobatics including loops. (2)

The aircraft used a length of 1,450 meters for taking off and a length of 1,200 meters for landing. The landing strip was measured from the point just before the plane touched ground to the point where the planes turned when taxiing to the dispersal area. (2) The single-engine plane with a radial engine was a low-wing monoplane with a two-seater cockpit; an antenna rod was behind the cockpit with an antenna leading to the rudder assembly.

Its landing gear retracted inward. A Pitot tube was at the leading edge of the left wing. (3) Between 3 and 4 p.m. on 6 May, 30 M who wore black-bordered blue epaulets, carried folded coats and were armed with rifles, left the former officer candidate school in Bad Fischau (O 48/X 34). They were commanded by a senior lieutenant and an NCO both wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The NCO wore motor transport insignia.

They were both loaded with rations in boxes and driven by soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Driving school trucks

having drivers who wore black-bordered blue epaulets were also seen. (4) Five Pe-2s, including one with two cabins and one single-engine, low-wing monoplane with single rudder assembly, were parked in front of Theresienfeld repair shop.

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25X13. Zwoelfaxing (P 49/X 48) airfield.

Between 8:45 and 11:30 a.m. on 5 May, 42 Po-2s were observed. There was no flying in calm and sunny weather. The sky was 2/10 overcast. Two trucks crossed the landing field toward Pellendorf (P 49/X 48). [ ] all driven by soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, moved from the field toward Hunberg (P 49/X 43). About 40 men armed with rifles were drilling in the yard of the barracks building. No AA guns were observed. The installation was guarded by sentries who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. Truck [ ] loaded with rations in boxes and tank truck [ ] both driven by soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, were observed. (5)

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## [ ] Comments.

- (1) The number of single-engine jet aircraft at Wiener Neustadt airfield has not changed since the last report. It appears that training has progressed to formation flying and acrobatics.
- (2) The information on the lengths used for taking off and landing on the grass cover of Wiener Neustadt airfield is considered to be correct since the aircraft probably take only a limited quantity of fuel and ammunition on board.
- (3) The aircraft is probably of Yak-11 type.
- (4) It has not been determined what type of unit is quartered in the former officers candidate school in Bad Fischau. The appearance of soldiers wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered blue epaulets may indicate the presence of a driving school course which is probably connected with an air force NCO course under the command of artillery officers and NCOs. The motor vehicles [ ] which have been observed in Wiener Neustadt and Bad Fischau for a short time probably belong to a motor transport column. Previously, mostly trucks but no tank trucks or radio trucks were reported.
- (5) The occupation strength of Zwoelfaxing airfield has again reached the status existing in January 1952. A bomber regiment is still believed to be stationed there.

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